Reply of Government.—In the case of small villages, situated near each other in the malnad and other sparsely populated parts of the State where the relaxation is possible without affecting efficiency, a relaxation of the present rule will be permitted in special cases.

SUBJECT NO. 60.

Remuneration to patels for doing Excise work, such as recovering arrack revenue.

Mr. Rama Rao, Malur Taluk, and Mr. Veerappa Reddi, Bangalore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The question of extra remuneration to patels for receiving from vendors the price of and duty on arrack in villages where there are bonded depots and remitting the same to the Taluk Treasury, may be favourably considered.

Reply of Government.—The question is under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 61.

Mirasis to patels and shanbhogs of Jodi villages.

Mr. Surappa, Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that orders may be issued for the collection, as land revenue arrears, of the mirasis due to patels and shanbhogs of Jodi villages. Much civil litigation would thereby be avoided.

Reply of Government.—Patels and shanbhogs are entitled to potgi and not miras. Under Notification No. R. 7642, dated 20th December 1905, the remuneration payable to a village officer, if not paid by the Inamdar or other person bound to pay the same, may be recovered from him as an arrear of land revenue.

SUBJECT NO. 62.

(*a*) Cash remuneration in place of present miras to totis and talaris.

Mr. Srinivas Sitaram Kulkarni, Harihar Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The existing rules provide that occupants of lands must pay grain to the totis and talaris at three seers per acre on account of their miras; but there are no accounts kept to show that every raiyat pays his portion. This has given rise to disputes between the raiyats and the totis and talaris; and government work also suffers. It is therefore prayed that a miras cess of one anna per acre be ordered to be recovered from each raiyat along with kandayam and the amount disbursed to these totis and talaris from the Treasury direct.

(*b*) Remuneration to totis and talaris to be paid by Government.

Mr. A. Ramappa, Nagar Taluk.

(*b*) Totis and Talaris are appointed to do government work and their pay should therefore be paid by Government. It is a hardship to levy "Aya" from the raiyats in addition to land revenue.

(*c*) Toti and talari miras to be reduced and that of nirgantis raised.

Messrs. Guruva Reddi, Bangalore Taluk; Shanbhog Naraharaiya and Patel Chennalingappa, Nelamangala Taluk; and Rama Rao, Tumkur Municipality.

(*c*) The miras allowed at present to the totis and talaris is too much in view of the separate land inams allowed to them and the small amount of work done by them. The same may be reduced.

The prayer made last year that miras levied from the raiyats be reduced and commuted into a money payment may be granted early.

The allowance to nirgantis may be increased on account of the difficult nature of their work.